

CUSTOMER NO.: 27683

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**GENERAL POWER OF ATTORNEY**  
(for several applications filed in the USPTO)

As a representative of the Assignee, SDGI Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation (d/b/a Medtronic Sofamor Danek, Inc.), I hereby appoint the following attorneys and/or agents:

O'Dell, David M., Reg. No. 42,044; Lowes, J. Andrew, Reg. No. 40,706; Becker, Jeffrey M., Reg. No. 35,442; Bell, James.R., Reg. No. 26,528; Bliss, Timothy, Reg. No. 50,925; Brown, Randall C., Reg. No. 31,213; Colson, Randall E., Reg. No. 40,566; Davis, Michael A., Reg. No. 35,488; Ehmke, Andrew S., Reg. No. 50,271; Irani, Rita M., Reg. No. 31,028; Kice, Warren B., Reg. No. 22,732; Balconi-Lamica, Michael, Reg. No. 34,291; Mattingly, Todd, Reg. No. 40,298; McCombs, David M., Reg. No. 32,271; Montgomery, John, Reg. No. 31,124; Nickols, Julie M., Reg. No. 50,826; Naifeh, Bill, Reg. No. 44,962; Norberg, Gloria, Reg. No. 36,706; of Haynes & Boone, L.L.P., 901 Main Street, Suite 3100, Dallas, Texas 75202-3789, United States of America; and Berry, Thomas G., Reg. No. 31,736; Bindseil, James J., Reg. No. 42,326; Warmbold, David A., Reg. No. 30,897; or Medtronic Sofamor Danek, Inc, 1800 Pyramid Place, Memphis, Tennessee 38132, United States of America.

The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is authorized to act on behalf of the Assignee.

4/18/03  
Date

Jack B. Pearson, Jr.

Type Name

Jack B. Pearson,  
Signature

Assistant Treasurer of SDGI Holdings, Inc.

Title

APPROVED AS TO  
LEGAL FORM

4/24/03